

March 27, 1963

Mrs. Sargent Shriver
Timberlawn
Edson Lane
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Shriver:

I was happy to take note of the dinner in your honor, which is being held in San Francisco on Friday, April 5. Unfortunately other matters make it inconvenient for me to attend, but I hope that the occasion might still allow for an opportunity to take an hour or so of your time to discuss some of the progress we have been making towards the operations of the Kennedy Laboratories here.

In addition, I thought you might be personally interested in some statistics on the seasonal variation of births that we have been analysing, both with respect to the total population and to the patients in institutions for the mentally retarded.

Would there be any possibility of your visiting us in an informal way on Friday morning?

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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P. S. I have to admit to something of an ulterior motive in suggesting this conversation, as I thought it quite possible that you might be particularly interested in this line of investigation and it is one where, frankly, your personal interest might be a very great help in the mobilization of the necessary data.

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